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Molecules Associated with Plants

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Response to Restriction Requirement

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed April 21, 2003, Applicants submit the following remarks.

Remarks

The application presently contains claims 1-7. In the Office Action mailed April 21, 2003, the Examiner required restriction to one of the following inventions under 35 U.S.C. § 121:

Group I: Claim 1, drawn to polynucleotides, classified in class 536, subclass 23.1;

Group II: Claim 2, drawn to a purified polypeptide encoded by a polynucleotide of Group I, classified in class 530, subclass 300; and